(b) The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children below the age of 14 years in 13 Occupations & 57 Processes listed in the schedule to the Act.

(c) Occupations and processes listed in the schedule to the Act are considered hazardous for the purpose of prohibiting employment of children.

(d) and (e) The Government has already formulated a National Policy on Child Labour, 1987 which consists of the following three components:

(i) A legislative action Plan

(ii) Focussing of general development programmes for benefiting child labour wherever possible, and

(iii) Project based plan of action for launching of projects for the welfare of working children in areas of high concentration of child labour.

The Government has been implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLPs) in the country. The major activity under the NCLP is running special schools/centres for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal/formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipend etc. So far, 100 NCLPs are under implementation in 13 child labour endemic states for the coverage of 2.11 lakh children.

Welfare Board for unorganised workers

1278. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation for setting up of a Welfare Board for unorganised sector workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funding pattern and financial resources for functioning of the Board has been earmaked;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what would be the role assigned to NGOs in this Welfare Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) A proposal to enact a legislation for Unorganised Sector Workers is under consideration of the Government.

Bonded child labour

1279. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children under fourteen years of age who are still employed as bonded labourers in the country;

(b) the number of children out of these that have fallen prey to sexual exploitation during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government are soliciting NGOs' support Nationally and Internationally to curb this menace of bonded labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 does not make any discrimination amongst child bondage and adult bondage. No separate data on child bondage is provided by the State Government.

(c) Yes Sir. Social workers/NGOs have been associated with the Vigilance Committee at District and Sub-Divisional levels as per Section 13(2) of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.

Problems of unorganised workers

1280. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any survey to assess the problems and conditions of unorganised workers;

(b) if so, the sectors where unorganised workers suffer more; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The Government carries out surveys on the working and living conditions of unorganised sector workers in selected industries/occupations from time to time. Since the surveys of